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Dear Mr. Foerst

The purpose of this letter is to acknowledge the work you performed for the litigation efforts last week when you inspected the data generated by CH2M-HILL's laboratory in Montgomery, Alabama. I also want to thank you for your quick response to my request.

With respect to the Hill data, we want to submit to Court some samples that indicate the presence of coal tar derivatives, including the known carcinogens. I prefer samples be submitted that have been quality controlled and reviewed by you for validity of quantitation and identification. Not every sample need be reviewed by you, but your opinion relative to the quality of the total amount of samples analyzed by Hill may be submitted to Court, based on your detailed review of a few selected samples. We discussed the specific samples last week.

I am transmitting, with this letter, data generated by Monsanto Research Corporation for Reilly Tar. These data can be compared to duplicate samples taken by CH2M-Hill. I am also enclosing the method used by Monsanto. Your interlaboratory comparison of data will also be useful.

I appreciate the work you have done on the project since its inception. The input you provide to the review and presentation of data for litigation purposes is extremely useful and important to the case.

Sincerely

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